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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON AMBASSADOR SPIERS APPOINTMENT

REF: LONDON 10574

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE NO. 309 JUNE 27 "RONALD
I. SPIERS SWORN IN AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY"

1. BEGIN TEXT. RONALD I. SPIERS, A CAREER MINISTER IN THE
FOREIGN SERVICE, WAS SWORN IN TODAY IN LONDON AS UNITED
STATES AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY, SUCCEEDING AMBASSADOR WILLIAM
B. MACOMBER, JR.

2. MR. SPIERS WAS BORN IN ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, IN JULY 9,
1925. HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. DEGREE FROM DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
IN 1948, AND A MASTER'S IN 1950 FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY'S
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WHERE HE WAS A
WOODROW WILSON FELLOW.

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3. FROM 1943 TO 1946, MR. SPIERS SERVED AS A LIEUTENANT,
JUNIOR GRADE, IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

4. HE BEGAN HIS GOVERNMENT CAREER IN 1950 AS A FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OFFICER WITH THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. HE
JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN 1955, ALSO AS A FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OFFICER IN THE OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS POLITICAL

AFFAIRS.

5. HE SERVED AS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS FROM 1957 TO 1960, AND AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY FROM 1960 TO 1962. IN 1962, MR. SPIERS BECAME DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND IN 1965 DIRECTOR, OF THE OFFICE OF ATLANTIC POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

6. MR. SPIERS WAS ASSIGNED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LONDON IN 1966 AND SERVED AS POLITICAL COUNSELOR UNTIL 1969, WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT, FIRST AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS, AND LATER AS THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS. IN 1973 HE WAS APPOINTED UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE BAHAMAS, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL 1974 WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED TO LONDON AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, THE POSITION HE HELD AT THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY.

7. THE AMBASSADOR HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF MANY DELEGATIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS NATO, AND IN THE ARMS CONTROL FIELD, INCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE NUCLEAR TEST BAN, NON-PROLIFERATION TALKS AND THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS (SALT) NEGOTIATIONS.
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8. AMBASSADOR SPIERS IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER PATIENCE BAKER AND THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN. END TEXT. VANCE

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